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REFER TO FILE: **PD-3**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SANTA ANITA WASH ACCESS ROAD REPAIRS
NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND AUTHORITY TO PROCEED
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Consider the enclosed Negative Declaration for the proposed Santa Anita Wash Access Road Repairs project, concur that the project with the proposed mitigation measures will not have a significant effect on the environment, find that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of the County, and approve the Negative Declaration.
2. Approve the project and authorize Public Works to carry out the project.
3. Find that the proposed project will have no adverse effect on wildlife resources, and authorize Public Works to complete and file a Certificate of Fee Exemption with the County Clerk.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Public Works is proposing to repair the existing access roads along the Santa Anita Flood Control Channel. Catch basins will be installed and portions of the road will be graded to the top of the flood control channel in order to improve drainage and access to the channel for maintenance purposes. Twenty-one trees will be removed and replaced elsewhere along the project. Approximately 1,000 feet of joint-use Santa Anita Wash Equestrian Trail/maintenance access road will be treated with soil-stabilizing products in an effort to create a surface that is suitable for both equestrian and maintenance vehicle traffic.

An environmental impact analysis/documentation is a California Environmental Quality Act requirement that is to be used in evaluating the environmental impacts of this project and should be considered in the approval of this project. As the project administrator, we are also the lead agency in terms of meeting the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. By implementing the proposed improvements, residents of the County will be provided with an enhanced recreational facility in the project area thus improving quality of life in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact on the County's General Fund. The estimated cost for the project is \$450,000. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Flood Control District Fund Budget. A construction contract will be advertised for bids at a later date, contingent on your approval.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, any lead agency preparing a Negative Declaration must provide a public notice within a reasonable period of time prior to certification of the Negative Declaration. To comply with this requirement, a Notice of Intent pursuant to Section 21092 of the Public Resources Code was published in the *Pasadena Star News* on September 30, 2004. Copies of the Negative Declaration were sent to the Arcadia, Live Oak, and Monrovia public libraries for public review. Notices were mailed to residents in the vicinity of the project.

The public review period for the Negative Declaration ended on October 20, 2004. Comments were received from the City of Monrovia Department of Public Works, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, and an unidentified resident during the public review period.

Based upon the Initial Study of Environmental Factors, the Negative Declaration determined that the project with necessary mitigation measures will not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, approval of the Negative Declaration is requested at this time.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their action.

A fee must be paid to the Department of Fish and Game when certain notices required by the California Environmental Quality Act are filed with the County Clerk. The County is exempt from paying this fee when the Board finds that a project will have no impacts on wildlife resources. The Initial Study of Environmental Factors concluded that there will be no adverse effects on wildlife resources. Upon approval of the Negative Declaration by your Board, we will file a Certificate of Fee Exemption with the County Clerk. A \$25 handling fee will be paid to the County Clerk for processing. We will also file a Notice of Determination in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project will not have an impact on current services or projects currently planned.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to us.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
SANTA ANITA WASH ACCESS ROADS REPAIRS

I. Location and Brief Description

The proposed project is located in the Cities of Arcadia and Monrovia along the Santa Anita Wash Flood Control Channel between Foothill Boulevard and Duarte Road.

The Santa Anita Wash Flood Control Channel is a rectangular concrete channel. There are currently dirt access roads of varying width that run parallel to the channel. The road surface is located below the top of the channel, and water accumulates on the road during storm events.

This project will reconstruct the access roads by raising the road to an elevation near the top of the channel, paving portions of the road, stabilizing the soil in portions of the road, and installing catch basins. The roadway will be graded to improve drainage and to form a cross section suitable for maintenance vehicles. Twenty-one trees will be removed and replaced.

II. Mitigation Measures Included in the Project to Avoid Potentially Significant Effects

In order to avoid a significant aesthetic impact, the 21 trees that are removed will be replaced at a one-to-one ratio. Approximately 1,000 feet of joint-use trail/maintenance access road will be treated with soil-stabilizing products in an effort to create a surface that is suitable for both equestrian and maintenance vehicle traffic.

III. Finding of No Significant Effect

Based on the attached Initial Study, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Attach.

INITIAL STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS:

1. **Project Title:** Santa Anita Wash Access Roads Repairs
2. **Lead Agency Name and Address:** County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, 11th Floor, Programs Development Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331
3. **Contact Person and Phone Number:** Mr. John Merrifield-(626) 458-5192
4. **Project Location:** The Cities of Arcadia and Monrovia (see attached map)
5. **Project Sponsor's Name and Address:** County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331
6. **General Plan Designation:** Arcadia and Monrovia
7. **Zoning:** Single and multifamily residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, recreational
8. **Description of Project:**

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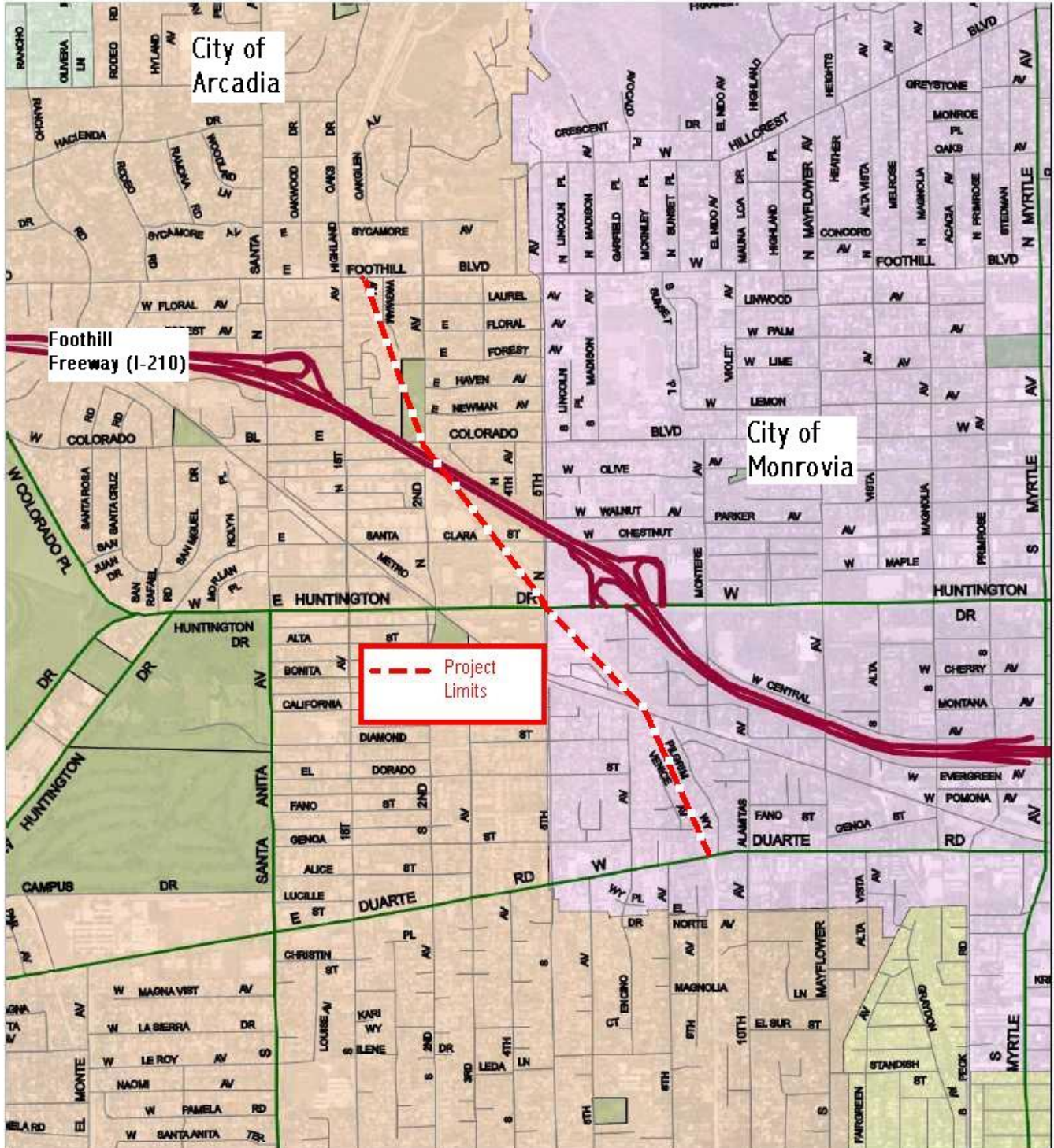
9. Surrounding Land Uses and Settings:

A. Project Site—The project is located within the existing flood control easement for the Santa Anita Wash Flood Control Channel. The access roads will be reconstructed adjacent to the channel, replacing the existing dirt access roads.

B. Surrounding Properties—The project is located along an approximately 1.5-mile stretch of flood control channel. The surrounding area is developed and consists of many uses including single- and multiple-unit residential, recreational, industrial, commercial, and institutional.

10. **Other agencies whose approval is required (and permits needed):** None.

Santa Anita Wash Access Road Repairs



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ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" or "Potentially Significant Unless Mitigated," as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance | |

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:


☒ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

☐ I find that although the proposed project would have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.


Signature

September 23, 2004
Date

John Merrifield
Printed Name

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
For

Attach.

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) "Potential Significant Impact" is appropriate if an effect is significant or potentially significant or if the lead agency lacks information to make a finding of insignificance. If there are one or more "Potential Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required.
- 4) "Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potential Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVIII, "Earlier Analysis," may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other California Environmental Quality Act process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). Earlier analyses are discussed in Section XVIII at the end of the checklist.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). See the sample question below. A source list should be attached and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

SANTA ANITA WASH ACCESS ROADS REPAIRS ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

			Potential Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. <u>AESTHETICS</u> - Would the project:						
	a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				X
	b)	Substantially damage scenic resources including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway?				X
	c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?			X	
	d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare, which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				X
II. <u>AGRICULTURE RESOURCES</u> - In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:						
	a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use?				X
	b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract?				X
	c)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use?				X
III. <u>AIR QUALITY</u> - Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:						
	a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				X
	b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?			X	

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	c)	Results in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is nonattainment under an applicable Federal or State ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for zone precursors)?x			X	
	d)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			X	
	e)	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?			X	
IV. <u>BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES</u> - Would the project:						
	a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				X
	b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				X
	c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on Federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				X
	d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident, migratory fish, or wildlife species; or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors; or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				X
	e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				X
	f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan; Natural Community Conservation Plan; or other approved local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan?				X
V. <u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u> - Would the project:						
	a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in '15064.5?				X
	b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to '15064.5?				X

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	c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				X
	d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				X

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS - Would the project:

	a)	Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
	i)	Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a know fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				X
	ii)	Strong seismic ground shaking?				X
	iii)	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				X
	iv)	Landslides?				X
	b)	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			X	
	c)	Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?			X	
	d)	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				X
	e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				X

VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Would the project:

	a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				X
	b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?			X	
	c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?			X	

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	d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5, and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				X
	e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
	f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
	g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				X
	h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				X
VIII. <u>HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY</u> - Would the project:						
	a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				X
	b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of preexisting nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				X
	c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				X
	d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				X
	e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				X

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	f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				X
	g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a Federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				X
	h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				X
	i)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				X
	j)	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				X
IX. <u>LAND USE AND PLANNING</u> - Would the project:						
	a)	Physically divide an established community?				X
	b)	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of any agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				X
	c)	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				X
X. <u>MINERAL RESOURCES</u> - Would the project:						
	a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				X
	b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?				X
XI. <u>NOISE</u> - Would the project result in:						
	a)	Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies?			X	
	b)	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			X	
	c)	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				X
	d)	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			X	

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	e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X
	f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X
XII. <u>POPULATION AND HOUSING</u> - Would the project:						
	a)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (e.g., by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (e.g., through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				X
	b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X
	c)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X
XIII. <u>PUBLIC SERVICES</u> -						
	a)	Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
		Fire protection?				X
		Police protection?				X
		Schools?				X
		Parks?			X	
		Other public facilities?				X
XIV. <u>RECREATION</u> -						
	a)	Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?			X	
	b)	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?			X	

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XV. <u>TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC</u> - Would the project:					
a)	Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?			X	
b)	Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the County Congestion Management Agency for designated roads or highways?				X
c)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				X
d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				X
e)	Result in inadequate emergency access?				X
f)	Result in inadequate parking capacity?				X
g)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				X
XVI. <u>UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS</u> - Would the project:					
a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				X
b)	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X
c)	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?			X	
d)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				X
e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				X
f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				X
g)	Comply with Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				X

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XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE -						
	a)	Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				X
	b)	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively Considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)				X
	c)	Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				X

XVIII. DISCUSSION OF WAYS TO MITIGATE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS -

Section 15041 (a) of the State California Environmental Quality Act guidelines states that a lead agency for a project has authority to require changes in any or all activities involved in the project in order to lessen or avoid significant effects on the environment. No significant effects have been identified. However, the following standard mitigation measures have been included.

Air Quality

- Compliance with applicable air pollution control regulations.

Geology and Soils

- Proper disposal of all excess excavated material.

Noise

- Compliance with all applicable noise ordinances during construction.
- Construction activities would be restricted to the construction times allowed by the County, except during emergency situations.

Transportation

- Advance notification of all street and/or lane closures and detours to all emergency service agencies and affected residents.

Hazards and Hazardous Material

- Maintenance of construction equipment.

ATTACHMENT A
DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS
SANTA ANITA WASH ACCESS ROADS REPAIRS

I. AESTHETICS-Would the project:

a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

No Impact. The project will remove and replace 21 trees and replace them at a one-to-one ratio. The project is not considered to contain any scenic vistas, so there is no impact.

b) Substantially damage scenic resources including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway?

No impact. There would be no impact because the project is not located in the vicinity of a State scenic highway.

c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?

Less than significant impact. The project will remove 21 trees and replace them at a one-to-one ratio.

d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare, which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

No impact. The project would not include additional lighting systems or structures that could result in glare. Therefore, the project will have no impact on day or nighttime views in the area.

II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES-In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:

a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland) as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use?

No impact. The location of the project is not used for agricultural purposes or as farmland. Therefore, the project will have no impact on the conversion of farmland to nonagricultural use.

b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract?

No impact. The project will not conflict with any zoning for agricultural use. Thus, the project will not impact any existing zoning for agricultural use.

c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of farmland to nonagricultural use?

No impact. The project does not involve changes in the existing environment that could result in the conversion of farmland to nonagricultural use.

III. AIR QUALITY-Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?

No impact. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works currently complies with dust control measures enforced by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. The project will not conflict with current implementation of the applicable air quality plan.

b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

Less than significant impact. Construction-related emissions and dust would be emitted during project construction. However, the effect would be temporary and would not significantly alter the ambient air quality of the area. Construction activities are anticipated to occur from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The project specifications would require the contractor to control dust by appropriate means such as sweeping and/or watering and comply with applicable air pollution regulations. The impacts would be temporary and considered less than significant.

c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is nonattainment under an applicable Federal or State ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?

Less than significant impact. Although the project is located in nonattainment regions for several pollutants, the small levels of pollution associated with this project are not considered significant due to the low volume of traffic generated.

d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

Less than significant impact. There are schools located within one quarter mile of the project area. The project may create small amounts of dust during construction, pollution from diesel vehicles, and pollution from the materials used. However, the effect would be temporary and would not significantly alter the ambient air quality of the area. Construction activities would be restricted to the construction times allowed by Public Works. The project specifications would require the contractor to control dust per appropriate pollution regulations. No substantial pollutant concentration will be produced by the project. Therefore, the exposure of sensitive receptors to a substantial pollutant concentrations would be less than significant.

e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

Less than significant impact. Objectionable odors may be generated by equipment and materials during construction activities. This will be temporary. Thus, the impact of creating objectionable odors is considered less than significant.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES-Would the project:

a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

No impact. No sensitive or special status species, as identified by the California Department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are known to exist at the project site. The project will have no impact on sensitive or special status species or their respective habitat.

b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

No impact. The project site does not support any riparian habitat and will have no impact on riparian or other sensitive habitat.

c) Have a substantial adverse effect on Federally-protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

No impact. The project will have no impact on Federally-protected wetlands.

d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

No impact. The project will have no impacts on any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife.

e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

No impact. No known locally-protected biological resources exist at the project site. The project will not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources.

f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or State Habitat Conservation Plan?

No impact. No known adopted habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan exist within the project site. The project will have no impact on any of these plans.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES-Would the project:

a-d) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource as defined in Section 15064.5; directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource, site, or unique geologic feature; or disturb any human remains including those interred outside formal cemeteries?

No impact. No known historical, archaeological, or paleontological resources exist in the project area. The project area was previously disturbed during the construction of the flood control channel, and this project will not excavate undisturbed soil. There are no known human remains on the project site.

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS-Would the project:

a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:

i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.

No impact. There are no known active faults underlying the project site, and we do not anticipate a fault rupture occurring at the project site.

ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?

No impact. The project area has not been the epicenter of any known earthquake. Activities relating to the project are not expected to trigger strong seismic ground shaking.

iii) Seismic-related ground failure including liquefaction?

No impact. The project involves placing fill over an existing access road and paving it. Although located in an area with potential for liquefaction, the scope of work would involve minimal excavation and should not disturb the soils. The project will have a less than significant impact on seismic-related ground failure.

iv) Landslides?

No impact. The project will not expose people or structures to landslides.

b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

Less than significant impact. The project will increase the impervious area and provide drainage features that will not result in soil erosion. Best Management Practices will be followed during construction to prevent substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil during construction.

c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?

Less than significant impact. The project involves placing fill over an existing access road and paving it. Although located in an area with potential for liquefaction, the scope of work would involve minimal excavation and should not disturb the soils. The project will have a less than significant impact on seismic-related ground failure.

- d) *Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?***

No impact. The soil at the project location is not considered expansive. The project would not impact soil expansion, creating substantial risks to life or property.

- e) *Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?***

No impact. There are no septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems at the project site. The project will have no impact on the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems.

VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS-Would the project:

- a) *Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?***

No impact. This project will not create a significant hazard to the public or environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials.

- b-c) *Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment or emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials, substances or wastes within one quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?***

Less than significant impact. Combustible engine fluids from the construction equipment are potentially hazardous substances. Necessary precautions will be taken to prevent the spillage of any hazardous substances that may affect the public or the environment at the project site. It is unlikely that an explosion, emission, or release of hazardous or acutely hazardous substances will occur as a result of the project. Project specifications would require the contractor to properly maintain all equipment during construction. In the event of any spills of fluids, the contractor is required to remediate according to all applicable laws regarding chemical cleanups, and the nearby school officials would be notified of the spill and any precautions to be taken. The project impact on the public or the environment is considered less than significant.

- d) Be located on a site, which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?***

No impact. The project site is not known to be a hazardous materials site. The project will have no impact on hazardous materials and will not create a significant hazard to the public or environment.

- e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?***

No impact. The project area is not within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public use airport. The project will have no impact on safety for people residing or working in the project area.

- f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?***

No impact. The project is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip. The project will have no impact relating to safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area.

- g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?***

No impact. The project site is not located on the highway system and will not interfere with emergency response or evacuation plans. The project will provide access to the flood control channel and will allow necessary maintenance to be performed during storm events, possibly averting flooding emergencies. The project impact on emergency service response plan is considered less than significant.

- h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?***

No impact. The project site is in a developed residential area with no flammable brush wildlands located in the vicinity. The project is not expected to result in adverse impacts related to risks associated wildland fires.

VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY-Would the project:

a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

No impact. The contractor will be required to implement Best Management Practices as required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit issued to the County by the Regional Water Quality Control Board to minimize construction impacts on water quality. The project will have no impact on the water quality standards or waste discharge requirements.

b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of preexisting nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?

No impact. The project would not involve the use of any water that would result in a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level. The project will result in a localized decrease in water infiltration, but this is considered beneficial since the flood control channel does not have adequate drainage on the sides. The project will have no impact on groundwater supplies or groundwater recharge.

c-d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on-or off-site or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?

No impact. The project involves the installation of drainage features in an impervious surface. The project will not result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site. There will be increased surface runoff, but it will be directed into a flood control channel with adequate capacity to handle the increased runoff. Therefore, the project has no impact on surface runoff.

e) Create or contribute to runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?

No impact. The additional runoff from the project will be directed into a flood control channel with adequate capacity to handle the increased flow. The additional polluted runoff is not considered to be substantial.

f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

No impact. The contractor will adhere to applicable Best Management Practices to minimize any degradation to water quality during construction. The project will not substantially impact or degrade water quality.

- g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a Federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?***

No impact. The project will not place any housing within a 100-year flood hazard area.

- h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?***

No impact. The project will not place any structures within a 100-year flood hazard area, which may impede or redirect flood flows.

- i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?***

No impact. The project will not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding. The project will decrease the likelihood of the flood channel failing by decreasing the amount of water accumulating on the outside of the channel.

- j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?***

No impact. The project will not cause any inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow.

IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING-Would the project:

- a) Physically divide an established community?***

No impact. The project will not physically divide the community. The impact is not significant.

- b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?***

No impact. The project does not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of agencies with jurisdiction over the project.

- c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?***

No impact. The project will not conflict with any habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan adopted by any agency or community.

X. MINERAL RESOURCES-Would the project :

- a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the State?***

No impact. The construction of the project would not deplete any known mineral resources. The project will have no impact resulting in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource.

- b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?***

No impact. The project site is not identified as a mineral resource recovery site in the local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan. The project will have no impact on a locally important mineral resource recovery site.

XI. NOISE-Would the project result in:

- a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies?***

Less than significant impact. Noise levels within the project site would increase during construction . However, the impact is temporary and will be subject to existing noise ordinances and standards set by U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Construction activities will be required to comply with the construction hours specified in the County noise control ordinances. Overall, since the construction period will last for a short period, the project would not expose people to severe, long-term noise levels. The impact to severe noise levels is considered less than significant.

- b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?***

Less than significant impact. Construction of the project could cause minimal, temporary ground vibration during construction. However, the project specifications would require compliance with all noise laws and ordinances. The project would be considered less than significant since construction would be for a short period and would not expose people to severe noise levels.

- c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project.***

No impact. There will be no substantial permanent increase in the ambient noise level due to the project. The noise generated by maintenance vehicles will be periodic and of short duration. The project will not substantially and permanently increase ambient noise.

d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

Less than significant impact. During the construction phase of the project, there will be a nominal increase in existing noise levels due to construction and transportation of material to and from the project site. Construction activities will be limited to normal County regulated hours. Due to the short-term nature of the project, the impact from ambient noise levels will be less than significant.

e-f) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels or for a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

No impact. The project is not located within the vicinity of an airport land use plan or air strip. The project would not expose people residing or working in the area to excessive noise levels.

XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING-Would the project:

a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (e.g., by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (e.g., through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

No impact. Construction of the project is not expected to result in population growth in the area, directly or indirectly.

b-c) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere, or displace substantial numbers of people necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

No impact. The project will not displace existing houses nor displace people, create a demand for housing. The project will have no impact on housing.

XIII. PUBLIC SERVICE

a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically-altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically-altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services: Fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, or other public facilities?

No Impact/Less than significant impact. The project will not affect public services other than parks. Physical changes resulting from the project would

be confined to the project area and would not result in a need for new or altered governmental services in fire protection, police protection, school, maintenance of public facilities, or other governmental services. However, portions of Eisenhower park and portions of the equestrian path will be unusable due to physical alteration during construction. These inconveniences will be of a short duration and are considered to be a less than significant impact.

XIV. RECREATION

- a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?***

Less than significant impact. A portion of the access road is currently used for recreational walking and riding as part of the Santa Anita Hiking/Equestrian Trail. Paving portions of the road may attract additional park users, but pedestrian traffic does not contribute substantially to the deterioration of a paved roadway.

- b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?***

Less than significant impact. The project includes the reconstruction of access roads, which are partly used as a riding and hiking trail. However, this is an existing use, and the project will not adversely affect the environment.

XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC-Would the project:

- a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?***

Less than significant impact. The project will require transportation of construction equipment and materials to the project site. This could minimally increase the existing traffic. However, the impact would be only during construction of the project and is temporary. The impact of the project on substantial traffic increases is considered to be less than significant.

- b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the County Congestion Management Agency for designated roads or highways?***

No impact. The minor increase in traffic in the project area due to construction vehicles is temporary and only during construction. Overall, the project will not directly or indirectly cause traffic to exceed a level of service standard established by the County Congestion Management Agency for roads or highways in the project area.

- c) *Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location, that results in substantial safety risks?***

No impact. The project will have no impact on air traffic patterns.

- d) *Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?***

No impact. The project does not involve any design features that are known to constitute safety hazards. The project would have no impact on hazards due to design features.

- e) *Result in inadequate emergency access?***

No impact. The project is not located within the public street right of way and will not impact the emergency access.

- f) *Result in inadequate parking capacity?***

No impact. The project construction will not result in the need for more parking. The project will have no impact on parking capacity.

- g) *Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?***

No impact. The project would not conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation.

XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS-Would the project:

- a) *Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?***

No impact. The project will not result in contamination or an increase in discharge of wastewater that might affect wastewater treatment. The project will have no impact on the wastewater treatment requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

- b) *Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?***

No impact. The project will not result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities. No impact is anticipated.

- c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?***

Less than significant impact. The project includes the construction of several catch basins, which will drain into the existing flood control channel. The channel has adequate capacity to handle the small increase in storm water. The project will enhance the existing storm water drainage system by allowing maintenance during storm events and will not cause significant environmental effects.

- d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources or are new or expanded entitlements needed?***

No impact. The project will not result in a need for additional water supplies. The project will have no impact on existing water supply entitlements and resources.

- e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?***

No impact. No increase in the number of wastewater discharge facilities will occur as a result of the project. The project will have no impact on wastewater treatment.

- f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?***

No impact. The project will not generate any significant amount of solid waste. The project will have no impact on landfill capacity.

- g) Comply with Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?***

No impact. The project would comply with all Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste.

XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

- a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?***

No impact. Based on findings in this environmental review, the project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory. The project will have no impact on the quality of the environment.

- b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects?)***

No impact. The project would not have impacts that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.

- c) Does the project have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?***

No impact. The project would not have a direct or indirect detrimental environmental impact on human beings.

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City of MONROVIA

Department of Public Works

COMMENT LETTER

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October 18, 2004

Mr. Patrick V. DeChellis
Assistant Deputy Directory
Programs Development Division
County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
P.O. Box 1460
Alhambra, CA 91802-1460

Attention: Mr. John Merrifield

RE: Santa Anita Wash Access Road Repairs
Review of Negative Declaration

Dear Mr. DeChellis:

The City of Monrovia has completed its review of the above-referenced negative declaration and concurs with the findings.

The City will require the issuance of a construction permit. The City will require that adjoining residences/property owners be notified of the approaching construction activities, construction hours, noise and debris.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 626-932-5544.

Sincerely,

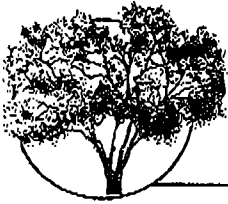
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David Fike
Director of Public Works

cc: Douglas Benash, City Engineer

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



October 20, 2004

Donald L. Wolfe, Interim Director
County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803-1331

Attention: John Merrifield

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

SANTA ANITA WASH ACCESS ROADS REPAIRS
DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Draft Negative Declaration for the Santa Anita Wash Access Roads Repairs has been reviewed for potential impact on the facilities of this Department. With respect to trails, plans for the proposed project have been previously reviewed, commented and forwarded to your Department by County Parks and Recreation (September 8, 2004 e-mail from Ms. Tonda Lay, Trails Coordinator, to Mr. Victor Sagredo, P.E.). The Department would also like to provide the following comments in response to the document above:

- The 21 trees to be removed and replaced at a one-to-one ratio should be non-toxic native species indigenous to the area.
- The 21 trees to be replaced should also be replaced per the Department of Parks and Recreation standard:

55% of total trees to be replaced= minimum 3/4" caliper in 15 gal. =12 ea.

25% of total trees to be replaced= minimum 2" caliper in 24" box = 5 ea.

20% of total trees to be replaced= minimum 3" caliper in 36" box = 4 ea.

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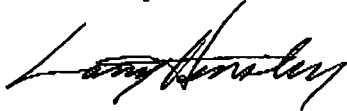
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Mr. Donald L. Wolfe
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Thank you for including this Department in the review of this environmental document.
If we may be of further assistance, please contact Bryan Moscardini, Park Project
Coordinator, at (213) 351-5133.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Hensley", written over a horizontal line.

Larry Hensley
Chief of Planning

LH:bm(#04-199 Santa Antia Wash response to DPW)

cc: Tonda Lay, Parks and Recreation
John Hunt, Parks and Recreation

October 1, 2004

To:

Mr. John Merrifield

LA County Dept Public Works

Regarding the Santa Anita Wash Channel Access Road Repairs, I wanted to express my concern that the project is being done. Hopefully it will be not done or at least modified to address the concerns.

1. The elevation of the access road will not cause traffic or horse riding to disturb the residents living nearby. | 3-1
2. The water drainage and associated debris, including horse manure, will go to the channel below and will flow downstream to suitable disposal places. | 3-2
3. The horse manure that is deposited will cause smell and health problems. There should not be a horse trail so close to residences. | 3-3
4. The improvements should result in a beautification that would look nice. | 3-4
5. There is a plan to eliminate or minimize the noise and stirring up of dust and dirt by the construction equipment and the construction itself. | 3-5
6. The increased traffic of vehicles and horses will not stir up dust and dirt after the construction phase. | 3-6

Thank you for listening.

An affected Arcadian resident

ATTACHMENT B

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TO WRITTEN COMMENTS

RECEIVED ON THE INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Presented below are the responses to written comments received during circulation for the Initial Study/Negative Declaration regarding the proposed Santa Anita Wash Access Road Repairs project. Response to comments that raise environmental issues, as required by the State of California Environmental Quality Act guidelines. Copies of the letters received are included in the following pages.

Response to letter of comment received from the City of Monrovia Department of Public Works

1-1 The project specifications will instruct the contractor to obtain a construction permit.

1-2 The adjoining residences/property owners will be notified.

Response to letter of comment received from the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

2-1 The proposed planting plan includes 21 trees in 24-inch boxes, rather than the mix of sizes described in the letter. Ms. Carolyn Bell (the designer of the planting plan) discussed our proposal with Mr. Bryan Moscardini on October 21, 2004, at approximately 1:50 p.m. He confirmed that our planting plan was acceptable.

Response to letter of comment received from an anonymous resident

3-1 The existing access road will be rehabilitated and is not expected to result in increased vehicle or horse traffic.

3-2 and 3-5 Construction impacts will be minimized as a result of the inclusion of Best Management Practices in the construction documents.

3-3 The Santa Anita Wash Equestrian Trail has been in use in close proximity to residences since 1950 as evidenced by the associated trail easements.

3-4 The 21 trees to be planted as part of this project will enhance the aesthetics of the project area.

3-6 It is not expected that this project will increase the number of equestrian users or levels of maintenance traffic, which would result in increased dirt and dust. Paving portions of the road and using a soil-stabilizing product on the other portions will help reduce the amount of dust that results from the use of the maintenance road.